**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** 

At page 10, line 9, please amend the following paragraph.

In a preferred embodiment shown, a cam surface 76, 77 is provided on the

circumferential edge of one or both of the lug pairs 74, 75, including a pair of coaxial apertures

or hubs 72,73. The cam surface bears on a corresponding bearing surface on a respective

fixation assembly 11, 12 and is preferably adapted to vary the separation of the fixation

assemblies as a function of the angular displacement. As an example, for a fixator attached to a

knee joint, the cam surfaces 76, 77 can be arranged so that as the knee is moved to the fully

extended condition, the fixator ensures a greater separation of the fixation assemblies 11, 12

thereby reducing pressure on the joint surfaces.

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